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### PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

#### **An Improved Breast Supporter.**

I, ERNST GOTTBERG, of 38, Eimsbüttler Chaussee, Hamburg, Doctor of Medicine, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

This invention relates to a breast supporter for women designed to replace the corset for supporting hanging breasts, as a support for a surgical bandage after an operation, as a means of applying compression for checking inflammation of the breast, and as a means in the case of nursing mothers of avoiding the discomfort consequent on the milk running, without removing the supporter.

The breast supporter comprises a broad flat bandage provided with breast covers or shields formed as hereafter described so as to admit of expansion and contraction. The supporter is maintained in position by shoulder straps and body bands, the lower one of which passes through a sheath or hem at the lower edge of the bandage whereby it may be drawn at will and firmly secured.

The breast shields and supporters are adapted to the shape of the breasts and are stitched into apertures in the broad flat bandage and may be surrounded by circular sheaths through which tapes are run and in some cases with cross sheaths running horizontally and vertically through which other tapes are run so as to admit of being drawn up more or less tightly for the purpose of applying compression. For nursing mothers the breast supporters have a central aperture surrounded by a sheath or hem through which a tape is run so as to admit of access to the breast for nursing purposes, without removing the bandage, and also for admitting of the introduction of a wad of lint after nursing, by which running milk is absorbed, the opening being closed by drawing up the tape.

Dated this 16th day of March 1897.

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### COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

#### **An Improved Breast Supporter.**

I, ERNST GOTTBERG, of 38, Eimsbüttler Chaussee, Hamburg, Doctor of Medicine, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to a breast supporter for women designed to replace the corset for supporting pendent breasts, as a bandage or support for a surgical

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dressing after an operation, as a means of applying compression for checking inflammation of the breast, and as a means in the case of nursing mothers of avoiding the discomfort consequent on the milk running, without the necessity of removing the supporter.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification wherein Figure 1 shews the breast supporter as worn and Figures 2 and 3 shew two modifications the one for nursing mothers and the other for applying compression.

The breast supporter comprises a broad flat band *a* provided with breast covers shields or appliances formed as hereafter described so as to admit of expansion and contraction and adapted for the support of the breasts or for holding a dressing in place. The supporter is maintained in position by shoulder straps *b* fastened at back to body bands *c d* attached to the main band *a* and passing round the body the ends of the lower one *d* of which runs through a sheath or hem at the lower edge of the band *a* whereby the latter may be drawn tightly and firmly secured.

The breast shields and supporters *e* are adapted to the shape of the breasts and are stitched into circular apertures in the broad flat band *a*. In the device shewn in Figure 2 as adapted for nursing mothers the breast supporters have a central aperture *g* surrounded by a circular sheath through which a tape *f* is run so as to admit of access to the breast for nursing purposes without removing the bandage, and also admitting of the introduction of a wad of lint after nursing, by which running milk will be absorbed, the opening being closed more or less by drawing up the tape. In the device as shewn in Figure 3 each breast support is surrounded by a circular sheath through which a tape *h* is run and is also traversed by cross sheaths through which other tapes *i k* are run so as to admit of the breast covers being drawn up more or less tightly for the purpose of applying compression to the breast for arresting inflammation or retaining a surgical dressing.

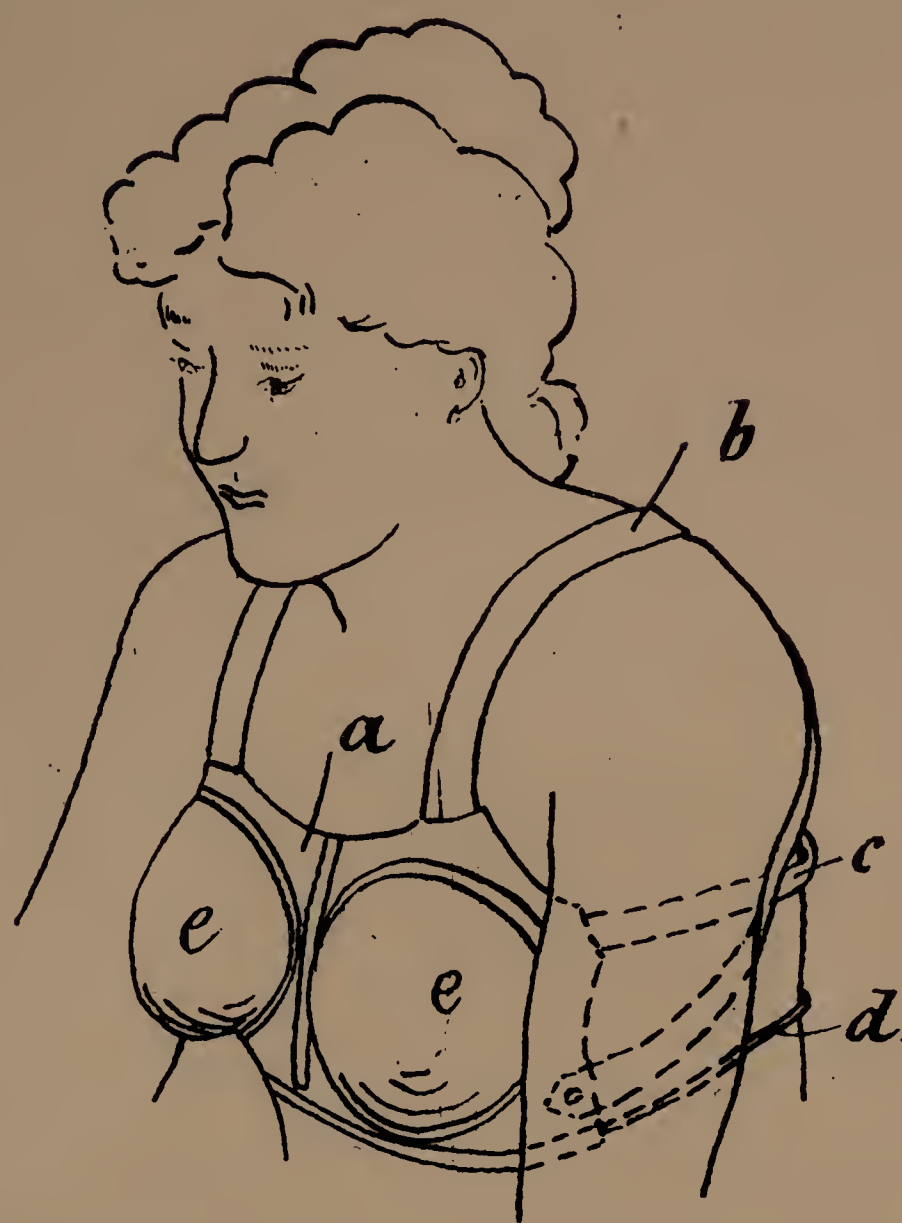
Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of the said invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

Breast supports substantially as described and shewn in the drawings, the same being adapted to be opened or closed or to effect the application of compression by means of tapes applied as described for the various purposes specified.

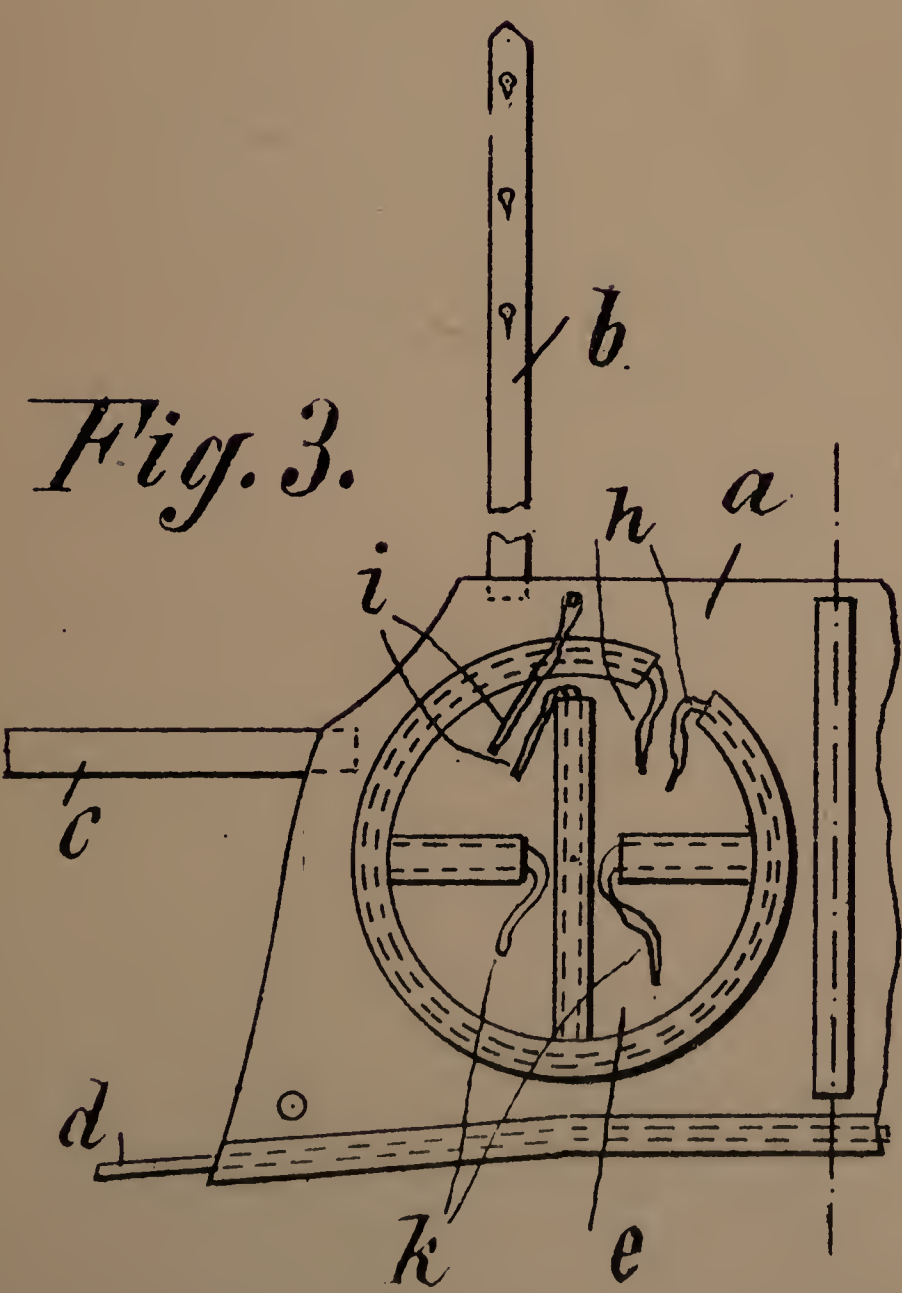
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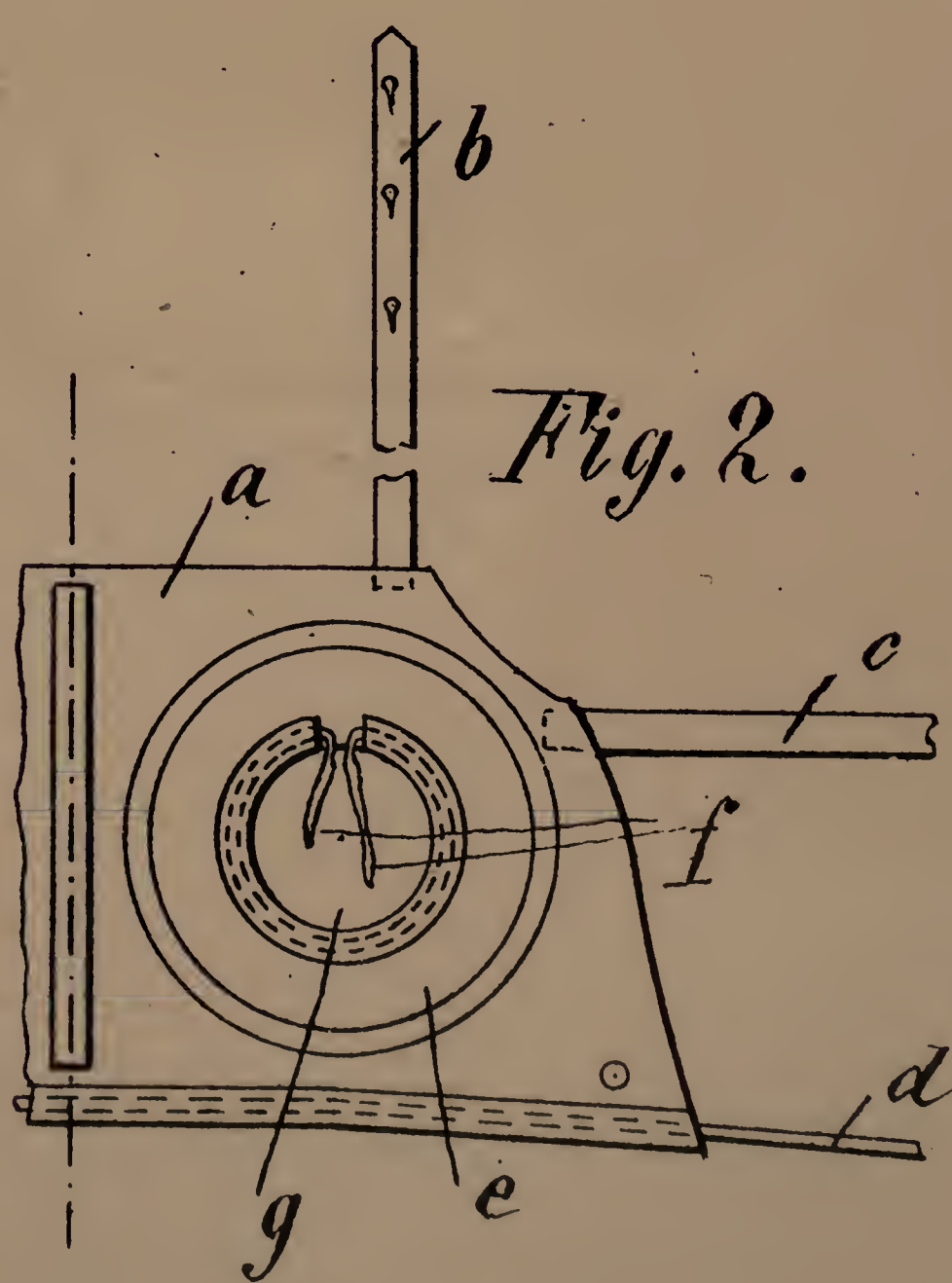




*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*

[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]



